Increase in production and Export of Spices

2302. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by Government to increase the production and export of spices;

(b) if so, the details of production of different kind of spices in different States during last three years;

(c) the export of spices to different countries during those years; year-wise; and

(d) the specific steps taken in those years and proposed to be taken during Ninth Plan to increase the production and export of spices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (d) During the 8th Plan a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Programme for development of Spices is being implemented for increasing production and productivity of various spices with an outlay of Rs. 125 crores. Under this scheme, measures such like production and distribution of quality planting material, plant protection measures, area expansion and intensive cultivation practices are being implemented. It is proposed to continue the above programmes during 9th Plan with increased outlay and wider area of operation.

Apart from the general trade policy reforms, the steps taken to enhance export of spices are, abolition of cess on export of pepper (except green pepper in brine) to enhance its price competitiveness in the overseas markets; implementation of brand promotion schemes like logo promotion; grant of spice house certificate as a recognition of processer/exporters of quality products; setting up of laboratories for testing of products; technology transfer; process upgradation and product development.

(b) Details of production of major spices during the last three years are given below:—

(in Tonnes)

Spiece/State	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95(P)
Pepper Total	50760	51320	53110
(Major growing States)			
Kerala	49670	49850	52010
Karnataka	750	790	740
Tamil Nadu	280	600	280
Cardamom (Small)			
Total	4250	6600	7000
(Major growing States)			
Kerala	2570	4430	4720
Karnataka	1200	1510	1580
Tamil Nadu	480	660	700
Cardamom (Large)			
Total	3550	3725	3600
(Major growing States)			
Sikkim	3010	3125	3000
West Bengal	540	600	600

(in Tonnes)

Spiece/State	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95(P)
Chilly Total	862100	800100	747900
(Major growing States)			
Andhra Pradesh	373100	324000	327800
Gujarat	19800	20500	20500
Karnataka	97400	110300	87700
Maharashtra	68400	61300	56900
Orissa	68500	75500	75500
Rajasthan	62100	46900	38800
Tamil Nadu	45700	43700	33900
West Bengal	44400	42200	44300
Turmeric Total	407700	707400	659400
(Major growing States)			
Andhra Pradesh	171800	384900	363400
Assam	5100	6000	6700
Karnataka	48800	74700	79000
Orissa	47000	51100	51100
Tamil Nadu	83200	136600	105000

Source:—(1) Directorate of Economics and Statistics, New Delhi for Pepper, Chilly and Turmeric
(2) Spices Board for Cardamom.

(c) Details of the total quantity and value of the spices exported during the last 3 years are given below:—

Quantity-(In Mts)
Value-(In Rs. lakhs)

Year	Total Exports	
	Qty.	Value
1993-94	182361	56890.64
1994-95	157643	61224.49
1995-96(P)	211515	78589.33

(P)—Provisional
(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

The country-wise details of exports are available in the monthly bulletin/annual numbers of the Foreign Trade Statistics published by the DGCI&S, Calcutta, copies of which are supplied to the Parliament Library.

Import and Export of Rubber

2303. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rubber imported in the country during the last five years against exports allowed as incentive to exporters; and

(b) whether taking into account the present fall in price of rubber, these exporters will be allowed to purchase the required quantity from India itself, treating such purchase as 'deemed import' and giving all the benefits of the imports to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Only figures relating to total import of rubber are maintained by DGCI&S, Calcutta. Figures of Imports against exports, are not being maintained separately.